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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR (INTELLIGENCE)

Dear Hugh,

I am enclosing for your information a copy of the Annual Report of the National Intelligence Survey Program for Fiscal Year 1958.

In particular, I am impressed with the improvement in your NIS production for the last quarter which resulted in a substantial increase in over-all accomplishments as compared with last year's. It would appear that the corrective measures you have put into effect are beginning to show gratifying results which should hereafter stabilize production and materially reduce production peaks at the end of each year.

There is one aspect of State's production with which I am concerned, however, and that is on the Near East countries. While essentially all other NIS requirements for this area have been met, those for which State has production responsibilities are significantly incomplete on Israel, Afghanistan, and Saudi Arabia. Moreover, I am informed that many sections in the sociological, political, and economic chapters on the other Near East countries are in need of revision. I understand this situation has been reviewed by the NIS Committee and that the State member is fully informed with respect to the urgent requirement for adequate NIS coverage on this area.

Sincerely,

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